

JUNE 25, 2015 11:51 AM

Report: Since Inception, UNHRC Condemned Israel More Than Rest of World's Countries Combined



by Eliezer Sherman



Israel condemned more than rest of countries combined at UNHCR. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

Since its inception nine years ago, the United Nations Human Rights Council has issued more official condemnations of Israel than the rest of the world's nations combined, a prominent U.N. watchdog reported on Thursday.

The report came ahead of a UNHRC resolution on the recent report about the 2014 Gaza war, which accused Israel and Palestinian terrorist groups in the Gaza Strip of possible war crimes.

Geneva-based U.N. Watch said it expected a resolution from Arab states to mark the 62nd condemnation of Israel, which was established in 2006.

With a total of 61 condemnations, Israel has been singled out more times than the rest of the countries combined.

Even Syria, where the U.N. estimates more than 200,000 people have died since a bloody civil war erupted four years ago, has only received two condemnations.

GET THE BEST OF THE
ALGEMEINER STRAIGHT TO
YOUR INBOX!

SUBMIT

And Sudan, whose president recently fled South Africa because of warrant by the ICC for his arrest over the genocide of Sudanese in Darfur and other war crimes, has only received two condemnations by the UNHRC.

Israel is grouped together with countries such as those mentioned, as well as North Korea (8 condemnations), Iran (5), and Eritrea (3), a country with a virtual media blackout, according to the U.N. Watch report.

The UNHRC's Article 7 for every monthly assembly singles out the "human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied territories," the only region specific issue on the council's agenda every month.

"Sadly, with members like China, Russia, Cuba, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Venezuela and Qatar, the UNHRC today may possibly rank as a more corrupt international organization than FIFA," said Hillel Neuer, executive director of U.N. Watch.

The Geneva-based nongovernmental organizations said it was preparing to release a report on "the endemic selectivity and politicization" of the UNHRC.

Earlier this week, Israeli reports said the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem had launched a diplomatic campaign to remove the automatic majority of Arab states at the UNHRC, ahead of the upcoming vote on the 2014 Gaza war report. On top of rejecting the commission's findings, Israeli officials complained that the report had put Israel and Hamas on the same level.

While the report issues no indictment, its evidence could be used by prosecutors at the International Criminal Court in cases brought against Israel, but also the Palestinians, who joined the court in April. If the UNHRC approves the report, it will be passed onto the U.N. General Assembly.

GET THE BEST OF THE
ALGEMEINER STRAIGHT TO
YOUR INBOX!

SUBMIT